



*Resident's Guide to*  
**RECYCLING  
& WASTE  
DISPOSAL**  
*in Lancaster County*



**WASTE**  
*is a*  
**RESOURCE**  
*for making*  
*great things happen*  
**IN OUR COMMUNITY**



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## Recycling

### **The RECYCLING MYTH**

A common misconception people have about recycling is that it simply means placing materials in their curbside recycling bin—often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value, in order to transform them into new products. This means **not everything is recyclable**. And just because a product has a recycling symbol on the bottom does not mean it's recyclable or should be placed in your curbside bin.

So, why is it important to debunk the recycling myth? Though most of us are well-intentioned, when we put materials in the bin that do not belong, we're actually contaminating the recycling stream, which negatively impacts our environment and economy. We need your help to **Recycle Right!**

### **WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?**

Only the following materials should be placed in your curbside recycling bin. Think of them as the **BIG 4**. For a list of locations that accept a variety of other recyclable materials, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com). And remember, if you aren't sure, it's okay to throw it away. LCSWMA transforms waste into renewable energy.

### **WHERE SHOULD I TAKE MY RECYCLABLES?**

LCSWMA offers 24-hour recycling drop-off centers at our three Lancaster facilities: Transfer Station Complex, Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility, and Frey Farm Landfill. You can bring any of the **BIG 4**.

# BIG 4



## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

This includes any size material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet, like shipping boxes, packing boxes, and CLEAN pizza boxes (no grease or food remnants). Flatten all boxes and remove packaging including Styrofoam, peanuts, bubble wrap and plastic liners. **Do NOT** put paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes), newsprint or junk mail in the curbside recycling bin.



## PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS WITH A NECK:

Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. All other plastic material is considered trash. Ignore the numbers, as they don't indicate if something is recyclable. **Do NOT** put plastic bags, yogurt and take-out containers, packaging, Styrofoam, hosing, furniture, or other plastic items in the curbside recycling bin.



## METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS:

This includes all food and beverage cans made from aluminum or steel. Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT** put metal hangers, cooking pots and pans, or other scrap metal like foil and pie plates in the curbside recycling bin.

## GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS:

Throw away the lids and rinse out any residue. **Do NOT** put light bulbs, dishes, glassware, window or automotive glass, vases or any other glass material in the curbside recycling bin.



**LCSWMA DOES NOT PROVIDE YOUR CURBSIDE PICK-UP.**

Contact your local municipal office and/or trash hauler about curbside pick-up and recycling bin replacement.

For a list of locations that accept a variety of other recyclable materials, visit [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).



## *Trash Disposal*

**LCSWMA does not provide your curbside trash pick-up.**

Each municipality (city, township or borough) within Lancaster County is responsible for curbside trash pick-up. **Contact your local municipal office and/or trash hauler** for the following:

- Trash pick-up days and times
- Missed collection
- Trash bins (new or replacement)
- Billing questions and payment
- Other questions regarding curbside trash disposal



Once haulers collect your curbside trash, they bring it to LCSWMA to manage. Our Lancaster County facilities include:

- Transfer Station Complex
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility
- Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility
- Frey Farm Landfill



## **LARGE ITEMS & AMOUNTS OF TRASH:**

Contact your trash hauler or municipality to make special arrangements for large items or amounts of trash. Or, for a small fee, you can dispose of trash at one of our three Lancaster County facility locations. Common items delivered to LCSWMA include:

- Refuse (trash)
- Tires: car, motorcycle and truck
- Appliances with refrigerant  
(ex: refrigerator, freezer, window AC unit)
- Appliances without refrigerant  
(ex: washer, dryer, microwave)
- Single large items  
(ex: mattress, sofa, dresser)

**For a current list of disposal fees, visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call (717) 397-9968.**

**We accept cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover only).**

**See back of brochure for facility operating hours and locations.**



## *Household Hazardous Waste*

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities.

**Lancaster County residents** may use the drive-thru HHW Facility for **FREE**. There is no charge for qualifying items.

### **We accept only the following materials:**

- ✓ Adhesives
- ✓ Automotive fluids (max. 5 gallons per container)
- ✓ Batteries, including automotive and household
- ✓ Chemistry sets
- ✓ Cooking and frying oils (max. 5 gallons per container)
- ✓ Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Floor and furniture polish
- ✓ Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane
- ✓ Household cleaners
- ✓ Lawn treatments, including herbicides and pesticides
- ✓ Mercury-containing items (max of 30 per month), including ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers
- ✓ Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- ✓ Photographic and pool chemicals





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ⊘ Only the items listed are accepted at the HHW Facility. All other materials, including appliances, are considered trash and may be disposed of for a fee.
- ⊘ Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted and should be disposed of as trash.
- ⊘ We do not accept items from institutions, industries or manufacturers.

### From businesses, we accept only the following items:

- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Covered devices (see Electronic Waste section for more information)
- ✓ Fluorescent bulbs (max of 30 per month)

Visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for more information, including a list of alternatives to household hazardous waste products.

See back of brochure for facility operating hours and locations. You do not need to make an appointment.





## *Electronic Waste*

### **COVERED DEVICES:**

Pennsylvania instituted a law called the *Covered Device Recycling Act*, which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash, and bans haulers from collecting these items as trash. They must be recycled at an approved facility.

**Covered devices include only the following items:**

- ✓ Desktop computers
- ✓ Laptops
- ✓ Monitors
- ✓ Computer peripherals, including a keyboard, mouse, printer and speakers
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ e-Readers that browse the internet

Covered devices will be accepted from **Lancaster County residents and businesses** for **FREE** at the **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility**, with the following restrictions:

- ✓ Limit of 10 total covered devices per customer, per day (ex: 10 televisions, 10 computers and peripherals or any combination up to 10 total covered devices)

**All electronics must be intact and will not be accepted otherwise!**



## **OTHER ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE):**

We also accept the following e-waste materials from **Lancaster County residents and businesses** for **FREE** at the **HHW Facility**, with a limit of 10 e-waste items per customer, per day:

- ✓ Cameras: photo and video
- ✓ Cell phones, smart phones and peripherals: chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases
- ✓ DVD and VCR players
- ✓ MP3 players and iPods
- ✓ PDA's
- ✓ Portable electronic game players and video game consoles
- ✓ Stereos and peripherals: CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers (no wooden materials)

LCSWMA reserves the right to inspect, delay or deny deliveries of covered devices and e-waste materials for any reason, at the discretion of our staff.

For a list of additional facilities that accept covered devices and other e-waste materials, visit **earth911.com** or contact your local municipal office.

Visit **[www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org)** for more information on recycling covered devices and other e-waste.

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## *Other Types of Waste*

### **LARGE APPLIANCES\*:**

We accept large appliances at all three of our Lancaster County facilities. Ozone-damaging gases are safely recovered and the metal is recycled.

### **TIRES (WITH OR WITHOUT RIMS)\*:**

We accept car, truck and motorcycle tires, with or without rims, at all three of our Lancaster County facilities. The rubber and metal is then recycled.

### **CONSTRUCTION / DEMOLITION WASTE\*:**

Construction/demolition waste generated by home projects can be delivered to any of our three Lancaster County facilities.

### **ASBESTOS\*:**

All asbestos waste must be delivered directly to the Frey Farm Landfill. The crumbled (friable) type must be wetted and double-bagged prior to delivery.

### **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration advises residents to first take advantage of any local drug take-back programs available to the public. Contact your local municipal office to learn about resources available in your area.

If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug label and no take-back program is available in your area, remove the drugs from their original containers and mix with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds or



cat litter. Place mixture in a sealable bag or container and place in your regular trash. Do NOT flush any drugs down the toilet. For more information, visit [disposemy meds.org](http://disposemy meds.org).

### **SHARPS:**

For safe disposal of sharps (needles), contact LCSWMA for a free Safe Clip™, a portable device that clips and stores up to 1,500 needles. Safe Clips™ are also available at most pharmacies for purchase. Once full, the device may be placed in your regular trash.

### **MEDICAL WASTE:**

In-home medical waste may be disposed of as regular trash. For large volumes of medical waste or waste materials generated at doctors' offices, health care facilities, medical research facilities or laboratories, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for proper medical waste handling instructions.

### **YARD WASTE\*:**

Yard waste, such as leaves, shrubbery, tree trimmings, branches less than 24 inches in diameter, grass clippings and stumps less than 6 inches in diameter, must be delivered to the Frey Farm Landfill. For yard waste bags or information on composting, contact your municipality.

\* We accept waste for a nominal fee.

**For a complete list of disposal fees, visit [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) or call (717) 397-9968.**

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## About *LCSWMA*

Most people don't think twice about the waste they throw away or place at the curb for collection. Many just assume their trash is buried in a landfill and forgotten.

While that is the case in many areas of the United States, we take a different approach in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We understand that solid waste management decisions have a lasting impact on the environment and our community.

The **Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA)** manages an innovative system that provides the best combination of safe, clean and efficient disposal of municipal solid waste (trash).

The consumption of natural resources is further reduced by generating clean, renewable energy (electricity) from combusting the waste, while diverting a large percentage of the waste for recycling or reuse.

All residents and small businesses share in the stewardship of our delicate environment. By investing a few minutes to separate your recyclables and make conscientious decisions when disposing of household hazardous waste and other types of waste, you're helping to ensure that our county is a beautiful place to live for many years to come.



**Our approach, called the Integrated System, includes four key steps:**

**1**

**Minimizing the Volume and Toxicity of Waste** – This includes recycling and responsible household hazardous waste disposal.

**2**

**Consolidate and Transfer the Waste** – Private haulers deliver the post-recycled waste to our Transfer Station Complex, where it is loaded into trailers and transferred for further processing and disposal.

**3**

**Combust the Waste for Volume Reduction and Energy Recovery** – Our waste-to-energy facilities combust the waste, reducing its volume by 90% and creating renewable energy (electricity).

**4**

**Minimal Landfilling** – Only a small percentage of waste that is not recycled or converted to energy is disposed of in our environmentally-sound landfill.

**LCSWMA is a regional government authority that manages the recyclables and trash delivered to us by private haulers.**

**Each municipality in Lancaster County is responsible for residential curbside recycling and trash pick-up.**



## LOCATIONS AND HOURS

### **Transfer Station**

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
Mon – Fri: 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Sat: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
Mon – Fri: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Sat: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Frey Farm Landfill**

3049 River Road  
Conestoga, PA 17516  
Mon – Fri: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Sat: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### **Lancaster Waste-to-Energy Facility**

1911 River Road  
Bainbridge, PA 17502  
Mon – Fri: 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Sat: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### **Main Office**

1299 Harrisburg Pike  
PO Box 4425  
Lancaster, PA 17604-4425  
Mon – Fri: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU THROW IT AWAY?

Find out by taking a free tour  
of LCSWMA's facilities.

To sign up for a tour or learn more  
about LCSWMA, visit:

[lcswma.org](http://lcswma.org)

